Episode #33: Showdown on the Forest Road

Characters:

- Ash Ketchum
- May
- Max
- Dawn
- Ty Masterum
- Raye Rose
- Jonah
- Lillie
- Sakura
- Sarah
- Avery Meadows
- Guzma
- Plumeria
- Team Skull grunts
  - Tupp
  - Zipp
  - Rapp
  - Yuho
- Clint **(Debut)**

Pokemon:

- Pikachu **(Ash's)**
- Blaziken **(May's)**
- Glaceon **(May's)**
- Manaphy **(May's)**
- Piplup **(Dawn's)**
- Quilava **(Dawn's)**
- Teddiursa **(Ty's)**
- Totodile **(Ty's)**
- Eevee **(Raye's)**
- Psyduck **(Raye's)**
- Plusle **(Raye's)**
- Rockruff **(Jonah's)**
- Squirtle **(Jonah's)**
- Minun **(Jonah's)**
- Vulpix **(Lillie's; Alolan form; Snowy)**
- Espeon **(Sakura's)**
- Litten **(Sarah's)**
- Girafarig **(Sarah's)**
- Pachirisu **(Avery's)**
- Wooper **(Avery's)**
- Golisopod **(Guzma's)**
- Scizor **(Guzma's)**
- Salazzle **(Plumeria's)**
- Salandit **(Tupp's; ×3)**
- Yungoos **(Zipp's; ×3)**
- Garbodor **(Zipp's)**
- Zubat **(Rapp's; ×3)**
- Victreebel **(Yuho's)**
- Raticate **(Team Skull Grunt's; Alolan form)**
- Bastiodon **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Krokodile **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Ekans **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Ariados **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×2)**
- Pidgey **(Multiple)**
- Manectric **(Clint's; debut)**
- Aggron **(Clint's; debut)**

Symposis:

Plot:

As the sun rises over the winding forest path leading toward Mahogany Town, Ash and the gang continue their journey in high spirits after Ty’s recent victory at Olivine City. Ty was holding his gym badge that he won, determined that he has two badges left to earn before the Indigo Plateau league. The forest road is quiet and scenic, until they noticed two paths on their way, Ash suggested to his friends to take the right path, which is a shortcut back to Ecruteak City, making an easier way to get there since he remembers that from his previous adventure. The gang agrees with him as they take the road to the forest while some Pidgey fly by, making Manaphy while with for a bit, Pidgeys were in friendly tone as Manaphy returns to May. During their way, the gang were drinking water for a quick break until they noticed a Manectric standing alert near a large tree, Ty checked some details on his pokedex of Manectric, sparks crackling faintly around its mane. At first, the group is cautious, thinking if it is a wild Pokémon while Pikachu seemingly prepares to battle, but they soon discover that the Pokémon belongs to a Trainer who steps out from the trees. He introduces himself as Clint, a skilled Trainer from the Hoenn region to Ash and his companions, explains that he has been traveling through Johto to test his skills and Pokémon. As they are introduced to Clint after Ash invites him for a quick break, Clint agrees with him. At the woods, Team Skull spies on the gang while Rapp says that they found a new friend for them but she doesn't care, Guzma and Plumeria order their grunts to be ready for a sneak attack until further notice.

During their break, the gang shares their stories and goals to Clint, which he was impressed with while he shares details about his journey through Hoenn before arriving in Johto, while Ash and the others talk about their recent adventures and Ty's main goal, Clint reveals that he already knows who Ash is, mentioning his victory in the Masters Eight Tournament on live, Ash is modest about the achievement, but the acknowledgment earns respect from Clint and reinforces Ash’s reputation as a champion-level Trainer despite he began his journey again, then, Clint asked Max if he's a trainer, which he says that he's not but travels with them, but promises to be a trainer in the future, which Clint smiles at Max's goal. Inspired by Clint’s strength and experience, Ty proposes a friendly Pokémon battle to test each other’s skills. Clint gladly agrees with his offer and they prepare for a pokemon battle. As the battle begins, Ty sends Teddiursa out while Clint sends his Manectric to fight.

Clint tells Manectric to strike Teddiursa with his Spark, however, Teddiursa avoids his attack to the left side thanks to Ty's call as Teddiursa counters with Payback. Clint has Manectric use Quick Attack against Teddiursa, but missed it after Teddiursa dodged it, using Fury Swipes to counter. Raye was amazed by Ty's strategies and looking focused on the battle just as Ty ordered Teddiursa to counter Manectric with fury swipes again, suddenly, Manectric dodges to the right side, striking Teddiursa with a quick attack but continues to battle. Teddiursa successfully avoids Manectric's attack as he charges at Manectric with Payback, only for Manectric to avoid to the other side, attacking Teddiursa with spark. Teddiursa dodges on time as this battle becomes in favor for the gang while Clint was impressed at Ty and his pokemon. Teddiursa and Manectric are ready to attack each other, suddenly, before the match can reach its conclusion, trouble interrupts the fight. Team Skull ambushes the group once again, seeking revenge after their defeat at Cianwood City, sending their pokemons to launch a coordinated attack, forcing Ash and the others to respond immediately. Without hesitation, Ash and his battles against the grunts, with Clint stepping in to help the gang sending his second pokemon, Aggron in battle while the others send their pokemon.

Yuho orders Victreebel to use Vine Whip against them, only to be countered by Aggron's Metal Claw while Raye tells Eevee takes out Zipp's Yungoos with Swift, but it was countered by Krokodile's Focus Punch from the other side, only to be saved by Jonah, telling Minun by using Spark, paralyzing Krokodile in process while he tells Rockruff to Tackle, causing a direct hit, upsetting a grunt as another member orders Raticate to attack Minun and Rockruff with Super Fang, this causes Raye to be upset for seeing this, she tells Spark, which direct hits Raticate, saving Jonah and Minun. Pikachu and Teddiursa are fighting against a trio of Tupp's Salandit by using quick attack and Fury Swipes by Ash and Ty's call, before they can attack, Tupp has his two Salandit to use Flame Burst to create a ring of fire around them, trapping both Teddiursa and Pikachu, this allows a grunt's Bastiodon to counter them with Metal Burst, sending the two pokemons hitting to the ground, as the grunt orders Bastiodon to do the same attack and Tupp using his Salandit to Venoshock, Dawn and May came for assistance, using Piplup and Blaziken to attack with Bubblebeam and Flamethrower, taking out both Salandit while Quilava attacks Bastiodon with swift. Sakura tells Espeon by using Psybeam against a grunt's Ekans, knocking it out, however, Rapp's trio Zubat corners Espeon by confusing with Supersonic, causing Espeon to be confused and dizzy and proceeds to strike again with their combined Air Cutter, suddenly, Avery supports Sakura, and tells Pachirisu and Wooper with their spark and Mud Shot against Rapp's pokemon, saving Espeon in process with Sakura thanking Avery for her help.

During their battle, Max was protecting Manaphy to prevent being captured, only to be cornered by a grunt with her two Ariados preparing to capture Manaphy, luckily, Lillie and Sarah arrives on time, using Snowy with Powder Snow against Ariados, then Girafarig knocks them with Stomp by Sarah's call, Max and Manaphy were relieved for protecting them. Guzma and Plumeria's Scizor and Salazzle strike then with their attacks, Raye tells Psyduck to use Psychic, but missed it after the Salazzle avoids on the left side, attacking Psyduck with Dragon Pulse, Ty and Jonah saw the situation, with Croconaw and Squirtle using Water Gun, knocking out both Guzma and Plumeria's pokemon, Guzma then tells Golisopod to teach them a lesson with his attack, suddenly, before it can do, Ty sends out Gyarados to battle, surprising the grunt and Clint’s in amazed, Gyarados hits Golisopod with Dragon Rage, then, Ash proceeded by telling Pikachu with his thunderbolt, sending Team Skull and his pokemon blown away to the woods, defeated.

With the danger gone, Ash's team celebrates their victory as they regrouped, thanking Clint for his assistance and they were impressed by his abilities. In the sunset, before they resume their journey towards Mahogany Town, Ash offers him a chance to travel with them. Clint appreciates the invitation but ultimately decides to continue his journey alone, he promises that they will meet again someday, and the gang agrees with it as they go separate ways and they resume their adventure.

Major events:

Trivia: